

**HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE OF THE COA**

**Meeting Notes**

**February 7, 2017**

**9-10:30am**

**7300 Calhoun Place, Room 6C, Rockville, MD**

**In Attendance: David Denton, Judy Peres, Hileia Seeger, Syed Yusuf, Revathi Vikram**

**Staff: Tina Purser Langley**

**Guests: Marcia Weber, Dr. Alan Kaplan, Tammy Duell, Beth K. Shapiro, Aryeh Baronofsky, Robyn Elliot, Maryland Dental Action Coalition, Shenita R. Freeman, WISH Program Director, Jeff Goldman, VP Population Health / Director Nexus Montgomery, Primary Care Coalition**

Topic	Discussion Points	Decisions/follow-up
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>	1. Additional committee members needed.	1. Community partners and new Commissioners to be recruited this spring.
<b>2. Assign Note taker</b>	2. Tina Langley and David Denton agreed to share notes and prepare minutes for this meeting.	2. Will continue asking for volunteers to record meeting minutes. Goal is to rotate responsibility each meeting.
<b>3. Age Friendly Montgomery: Senior Agenda Objectives</b>	3. <u>Support and alignment from CoA and Committees</u> a) Aging in Place/Community & Planning Committee b) Health Planning, Services & Community Supports Committee c) Communications & Community Outreach Committee d) Public Policy Committee	
<b>4. FY 2018 CoA ranking of priorities</b>	4. <u>FY 2018 CoA ranking of priorities</u> a) Additional APS and Public Guardian Staff b) Funding for additional small group homes with escorted transportation subsidies	

<p><b>5. 2016 Health and Wellness Committee Initiatives/Interests</b></p>	<p>c) Senior Plus resources – Rec. Dept.</p> <p>5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continuation of Dental Summer Study <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide input on development of new Maryland Oral Health Plan.</li> <li>• Support legislation to expand dental hygienists services into assisted living facilities and nursing homes. Potential Partners: Maryland Dental Action Coalition (HB 100 Law).</li> <li>• Provide the Montgomery County Executive and the Montgomery County Council with a copy of the Commission on Aging’s Expanding and Enhancing Dental Health Services for Older Adults in Montgomery County final report and recommendations.</li> <li>• Advocate for funding to be included in the State budget for Medicaid coverage of dental services for adults. Potential Partners: Maryland Dental Action Coalition, state/ other county Commissions on Aging, Montgomery County delegation, United Seniors of Maryland, Anne Arundel Oral Health Task Force and others.</li> <li>• Note: NACO 15% discount dental program launch MoCo Jan. 12<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. Montgomery County Department of Recreation is preparing a 3-year strategic plan for Senior Plus.</li> </ul> <p>5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Robyn Elliot, Maryland Dental Action Coalition attended the meeting by phone and provided an update of their activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judy Peres will represent the CoA on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition public policy/legislative committee.</li> <li>• Funding Maryland Adult Oral Health Plan is not realistic this year. Revenue is down &amp; there is a "holding pattern" in anticipation of changes in the ACA from the Trump Administration.</li> <li>• Support HHS; Governor/Budget Office in creating a pathway for next year.</li> <li>• Support SB 169 call for a study regarding utilization of Emergency Departments for underlying oral health problems. Reference Anne Arundel County’s Oral Health Task Force, which mapped out ED utilization for oral health care by zip codes and diagnosis.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p><b>6. 2017 Committee Priorities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. Dementia Friendly America, Montgomery County Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public launch event with Mr. Leggett - Monday December 5, 2016</li> <li>• <a href="http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2016/dementia-friendly-communities.html">http://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/network-age-friendly-communities/info-2016/dementia-friendly-communities.html</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>c. NEXUS Montgomery – WISH (Wellness &amp; Independence for Seniors at Home)</li> </ul> <p>6. Support and Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Continuation of Dental Summer Study efforts</li> <li>b. Montgomery County DFAi</li> <li>c. NEXUS Montgomery, WISH population health targeting at-risk seniors living in community. Connecting seniors to community resources with health coaches - promote successful aging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussed another potential bill on the house side that would "authorize" DHHS to create an adult dental health benefit supported by Delegate McKay from Alleghany County and Hancock in Washington County. Tina Langley will speak with Mary Anderson, County Public Information Office, to determine if a NACO discount dental program PR plan is being considered.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. The Montgomery County, Md. Dementia Friendly America Action Team last met on January 18, 2017. Plans are underway for integrating DFAi and Age Friendly America efforts in Montgomery County.</li> <li>c. Jeff Goldman explained the link between NEXUS Montgomery and the Primary Care Coalition (PCC). In July 2016, all six Montgomery County hospitals came together with a three year, \$7.5 Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) Funded Planning Grant. Regional planning grants create models that focus on high needs patients and related care coordination infrastructure to help achieve above goals. PCC is acting as the neutral convener and project manager.</li> </ul>
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